

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Remarks concerning amendments to claims

Claim 1 has been amended. Claims 2 and 4 have been cancelled. New claim 17 has been added. Claims 1, 3 and 5–17 remain in this application.

Response to rejections

The examiner has allowed claims 9–16 and acknowledged that claims 2 and 4 are directed to allowable subject matter.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 4, and cancelled claim 4. Accordingly, claim 1 and all claims dependent therefrom are now allowable.

Allowable claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 17, and claim 2 is cancelled.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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